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In re Application of

Subraman Rao CHERUKURI

Art Unit: 1615

Serial No.: 09/982,093

Examiner: B. Fubara

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For: **DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS**

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REQUEST FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Title: **DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS**
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule 65 Fed.Reg. 50092 9Aug. 16, 2000; Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off.Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R.§
1.116 previously filed on _____.

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or
Reply Brief previously filed on _____.

iii. Other_____.

c. X Enclosed

i. X Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s) /Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other

a. _____ Suspension of action on the above-identified application
is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of
_____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months;
Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required**)

b. _____ Other _____

a. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Acct. No. 14-0112.

i. X RCE fee of \$ 375.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is enclosed.

ii. _____ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. _____ Other _____

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